

# ESPORÃO

RESERVA

RED 2020 • DOC Alentejo



**The first wine made by Esporão in 1985. A classic obtained exclusively from our organic grapes. The diversity of Herdade do Esporão, together with the different characteristics of the grape varieties, the soils, the maturity of the vines and the character of those who make this wine consistently over the years, results in a rich, intense but always harmonious wine.**

**Label illustrated by Abel Mota.**

## **HARVEST YEAR**

The agricultural year of 2020 registered temperatures slightly higher than the last 21 years, while the precipitation values were identical to the values registered in the same period. With a mild and rainy winter and spring, there was a good restoration of the water reserves in the vineyard, which resulted in a good vegetative growth in relation to 2019. The summer was very hot and dry, with very high temperatures in the month of July that translated in anticipation of the harvest in about 2 weeks compared to the previous year. The climatic conditions recorded in the painter-maturation period favored gradual maturation, which allowed for a selective harvest favoring the expression and quality of each variety.

## **VITICULTURE**

Vineyard with organic farming certification.

**Soil Type:** Granite/schist origin with clay/loam structure.

**Vineyard Age:** average 20 years.

## **GRAPE VARIETIES**

Aragonez, Trincadeira, Syrah, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Cabernet Sauvignon, Alicante Bouschet.

## **VINIFICATION**

Each variety was vinified separately, destemmed, crushed, temperature controlled alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel vats, concrete tanks and small marble basins, pressed, followed by malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

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**AGEING**

12 months in American (60%) and French (40%) oak barrels. After bottling, the wine aged at least 4 months in the bottle.

**BOTTLED**

From May 2022

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

Alcohol / Volume: 14,0%

Total Acidity: 6.49 g/l

pH: 3.5

Reducing Sugar: 2,8 g/l

**AVAILABLE FORMATS**

750 ml, 1,5l, 3l e 5L

**WINEMAKERS' NOTES:**

DAVID BAVERSTOCK / SANDRA ALVES

**COLOUR**

Intense Ruby.

**AROMA**

Blackberry aromas. cocoa, dark chocolate, licorice and a hint of black pepper.

**PALATE**

Rich and complex with notes of black ripe fruit and spices. Persistent finish.

**AWARDS & REVIEWS :****Robert Parker**

90 pts | 2017 | 2010 | 2007

91 pts | 2016 | 2009

92 pts | 2011

**Wine Enthusiast**

93 pts | 2019 | 2011

92 pts | 2014 | 2013 | 2010 | 2006

91 pts | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015

**Wine Spectator**

90 pts | 2014